

REMARKS

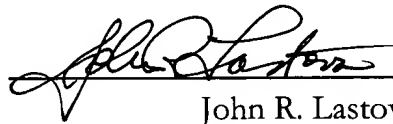
By the foregoing amendment, Applicants have amended claims 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 30 to eliminate the multiple claim dependencies in order to minimize the filing fee. The claims have also been amended to eliminate the parentheticals appearing in the claims to conform to U.S. practice.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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